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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Assembly - Budget Motions - Demands No. IX and XI -'Heads of Provinces, Ministers and Head-quarter staff and Dt. Administration and Miscellaneous' - To discuss Retrenchment - Papers Recorded.

DEMAND NOT XI.

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MR. W.J. FERNANDEZ, M.L.A.

To reduce the allotment of Rs.5,25,08,100

FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION by Rs. 100

(To urge the necessity for retrenchment in expenditure)

REVENUE.Dept.

Fin (R.R.) No.

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Rev.No. 13745 G/48,
dated 5-3-48.

DEMAND NO. XI.

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SINNA KAZIAR HAJI MOULVI S.A.F. IBRAHIM SAHIB BHADUR, M.L.A.

To reduce the allotment of Rs.5,25,08,100

FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS by Rs. 100

(to discuss about the advisability of retrenchment and also the Corruption in the different departments)

REVENUE DEPT.

Fin./Public No.

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Fin.(Reorganisation)Dept.

Rev.No. 12775 G/48-1,
dated 5-3-48.

A copy of the note may be sent to Pub. Dept. with reference to the cut motion relating to corruption in depts.

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Finance(Reorganisation)Dept

Please see the cut motions of Mr.W.J.Fernandez under demand 'IX' Heads of Provinces - Ministers of and Headquarters Staff and demand No.XI., District Administration and Miscellaneous and the cut motion of Sinna Kaziar Haji Moulvi S.A.F. Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur, M.L.A. under demand No. XI-District Administration and Miscellaneous.

(A copy of the cut motion of the latter Member has been communicated by this Department to Public Department as it also relates to corruption in Departments).

2. The object of the three cut motions is evidently to insist that a Committee may be constituted to make recommendations regarding Retrenchment in expenditure. It may be mentioned that a Retrenchment and Reorganization Committee was first constituted in G.O.No.789,Finance dated 28-10-1946 with five Hon'ble Ministers as Members. This Committee worked from 28-10-1946 till the resingation of the late Ministry in March 1947. The Committee was reconstituted in G.O.No.794, Finance, dated 11-10-1947 with seven non-official members, Sri T.A.Ramalingam Chettiar M.C.A. being the Chairman. The terms of reference to the Committee are:

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(a) the effecting of economies in expenditure on new departments and appointments brought into existence during the war and after;

(b) the reorganisation of departments with a view to reducing cost and increasing efficiency eg., the necessity for retaining superior officers (such as Conservators of Forests, Divisional Inspectors of Schools, Deputy Inspectors-General of Police, etc.) intermediate in status between the Head of the Department and District Officers in various Departments, whether it is necessary to have both the Deputy Superintendents of Police and Circle Inspectors etc.

(c) amendment of the relevant rules so as to expedite the procedure in regard to land acquisition, investigation of and preparation of estimates for irrigation works, rural water supply schemes and departmental enquiries in disciplinary matters;

(d) grants-in-aid for various purposes to local bodies and private managements;

(e) reorganisation of the pension system;

(f) matters connected with (a) to (e) above and any other matter that may be specifically referred to the Committee.

The reconstituted Committee has been working from 11-10-1947.

3. The Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee has so far examined the general working of the Civil Supplies, Education, Public Health, Medical, Agricultural, Forest, Police and Public Works Departments and has made recommendations for retrenchment and reorganization of these Departments for the consideration of Government. In addition to the above, the Committee has also dealt with and made recommendations in respect of several subjects, the most important of which are:--

1. Special Pays.
2. Conveyance allowances.
3. Expenditure on Development activities.
4. Replacement of land revenue by Sales Tax on Agricultural Produce.
5. Amalgamation of the Civil Supplies and Food Departments.
6. Reorganization of the present system of Village Administration.
7. Simplification of rules regulating the procedure in disciplinary action cases.
8. Permanent retention of temporary posts after a prescribed period.
9. Age of compulsory retirement of Government servants.
10. Conditions of service of Local Board servants.
11. Water Supply Schemes - Rural and Urban.
12. War-Time Departments, such as Directorate of Resettlement & Employment, Motor Spirit Rationing and Motor Transport, Special Officer for Training Clerks, Women Welfare Departments etc.
13. Reduction in the number of Menial establishments.

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14. Retrenchment in contingent expenditure.
15. Reorganisation of the Madras Fire Services Department.
16. Abolition of Regional Officers (i.e. intermediary Officers between the Heads of Department and District Officer) in Excise, Commercial Taxes, Education, Public Health, Forest, Agriculture, Police and Public Works Department.
17. Uniformity in the grant of Scholarships and stipends.
18. Reduction in the number of Residential Telephones.
19. Transfer of Minor Irrigation Works from the Revenue to the P.W.Deptt.
20. Amalgamation of the Factories and Boiler Sections.
21. Grants-in-aid (in part).

The Committee has also constituted from among its members, Sub Committees to examine the organisation and detailed working of the Departments of Education, Public Health, Medical, Industries, Public Works, Agriculture, Forest, Veterinary and Labour; Revenue, Police, Stationery & Printing, Registration, Jails, Certified Schools, Cinchona, Marine and Local Fund Audit, and the Government Museum and Connemara Public Library, Office of the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards and Ex-Officio Director of Town Planning and the necessity for the continuance of the several posts created in these departments after 1939-40. The reports of the Sub-Committees when received will have to be considered by the full Committee and recommendations made to Government.

The recommendations of the Committee made so far have been remitted to the Departments of the Secretariat for necessary action. They are now under the consideration of the Government, and final orders have not yet been passed in most cases. The approximate amount of savings anticipated as a result of the recommendations made by the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee so far is about Rs.2 crores.

4; It may also be mentioned that in the Budget Speech of the Hon'ble the Finance Minister dated 25-2-48 reference has been made in detail to the work turned out by the present Retrenchment and Reorganization Committee so far.

It will be seen from the above, that the Government have already undertaken necessary steps for effecting retrenchment in expenditure in the various departments of the Government.

In the circumstances, it is submitted that the Government may explain the postition when the cut motion is moved. After approval a copy of the above note may be submitted to the Hon'ble Finance Minister, the Hon'ble Revenue Minister and the Hon'ble Premier for their use in connection with the voting of budget grants IX and XI.

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It is stated at 'Z' below that the demands

'IX Heads of Provinces - Ministers and Head-quarters staff' and

XI District Administration and Miscellaneous' Z Demands passed by Assembly. File returned to Department.

have been passed by the Assembly.

The papers may now be(G.O.Ms. 259,Finance, dated 23-3-1948)

"Recorded". (No need to wait for printed proceedgs.)

G.O. ABSTRACT.

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